Cascade Locks, Columbia River, Oregon.

Lillie Leone Smith to Esther Wells Smith – Cascade Locks Postcard – October 26, 1907

Notes

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Postcard from Lillie Leone Smith to her mother, Esther Wells Smith, postmarked Drain, Oregon, October 26, 1907, and addressed to Esther in Roseburg, Oregon.

The front of the postcard depicts Cascade Locks on the Columbia River, but Lillie's message makes clear that she was actually in Drain, Oregon, when she mailed the card. She writes:

"Dear Mamma, I am in Drain today, just running around. I am going to try to go home next Sat. if I can. I am well and have had lots of fun. Hope all are well. L. L. Smith."

Lillie Leone Smith was born in 1884, making her about 23 years old when she sent this card. The message is a simple family travel note, but it helps document her movements in Oregon during this period and confirms that she was in Drain in late October 1907 while corresponding with her mother in Roseburg.

The postcard was published by The Portland Post Card Co. of Portland, Oregon, and was made in Germany, reflecting the international printing trade behind many American postcards of the early twentieth century.

This card is part of the Wells Smith Steel Box Collection and is preserved as both a family artifact and a small piece of evidence documenting the movements and correspondence of the Smith family in the early 1900s.

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POST CARD.

Mrs. Esther Smith
Roseburg
Ore.

Dear Mamma, I am in Drain to day. First rumming around I am going to Day I'll go home near Rob. if I can. I am well, and have had lots of fun. Hope all are well.
L. L. S.

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Mrs. Esther Smith
Roseburg
Oreg.

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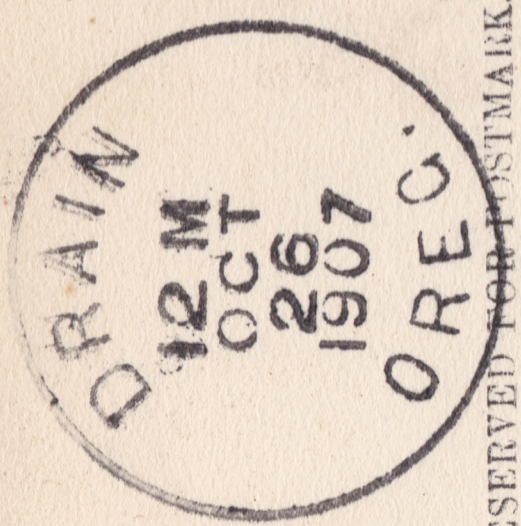
Dear Mamma, I am in
Drain to day, first running
around I am going to stay
for some more. Papa is
well, and have had letter
from Pa. All are well.
Love to Pa.
S.E.S.



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